



Mo Ibrahim FOUNDATION

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To whom it may concern

Re: Yeabsira Matyas

As Director of Operations at the Mo Ibrahim Foundation I am responsible for the organisation of the Foundation's international events including our flagship Annual Governance Weekend. In November 2013 this was hosted in Addis Ababa.

The Governance Weekend is a large-scale international event that takes place across three days. The guest list includes sitting and former Heads of State, government representatives, the private sector, civil society and academia with people arriving from across the African continent, Europe and North America. It is a huge logistical undertaking and requires very detailed long-term planning and delivery.

I had worked with Shebelle Conference Services since 2008 so commissioned them to partner with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation to deliver our Annual Governance Weekend. I worked very closely with Yeabsira Matyas over a period of nine months on every detail of the event. I would consider Yeabsira a **highly** professional colleague. She is hard working, committed and resourceful and always goes the extra mile to ensure excellent service. I would have no hesitation in recommending her to another organisation where she would be a wonderful addition to the team.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Davies
Director of Operations